

## House Resolution 69

By: Representatives Benfield of the 85<sup>th</sup>, Ashe of the 56<sup>th</sup>, and Jennings of the 82<sup>nd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 9, 2005, as "Girls and Women in Sports Day" and commending and  
2 inviting Georgia's outstanding female athletes to appear before the House of Representatives;  
3 and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, "Girls and Women in Sports Day" began in 1987 as a day to remember Olympic  
5 volleyball player, Flo Hyman, for her athletic achievements and her commitment to assure  
6 equality for women's sports; and

7 WHEREAS, Georgia will join the nation in celebrating "Girls and Women in Sports Day"  
8 on February 9, 2005, for the purpose of recognizing women and girls in sports across  
9 Georgia, celebrating the outstanding achievements of female athletes, and directing attention  
10 to the unique issues facing females in sports; and

11 WHEREAS, it has been proven that participation in athletics strengthens the self-esteem as  
12 well as health of Georgia's girls and women and enhances their ability to lead full lives and  
13 to contribute to their community and family; and

14 WHEREAS, many groups and individuals have worked tirelessly to promote and enhance  
15 opportunities for female athletes in Georgia's schools and communities, and the number of  
16 women, young and old, competing in athletic events continues to grow; and

17 WHEREAS, the girls and women of Georgia have always displayed dedication and  
18 exceptional talent in their athletic endeavors on the sports fields and arenas across Georgia  
19 and the globe; and

20 WHEREAS, in connection with "Girls and Women in Sports Day," the most outstanding  
21 female high school and college athletes in Georgia during the past year will be named and  
22 honored; and

1 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the State of Georgia express its pride in  
2 our female athletes, both past and present, and gratitude for the glory and honor which their  
3 achievements have reflected on this great state.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
5 this body recognizes February 9, 2005, as "Girls and Women in Sports Day" and commends  
6 and congratulates all the girls and women in Georgia who participate in sports and achieve  
7 so much in the world of athletics.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the outstanding female athletes are invited to appear  
9 before the House of Representatives on February 9, 2005, at a time to be determined by the  
10 Speaker of the House of Representatives.